

On the afternoon of February 23, 1978, SRP and DWP visited with Laura Loomis Rude in her home at 19 Reynshanhurst in Carbondale, Pa. What follows is a partial transcription of the conversation that took place during that visit:

1. SRP: "This is the Francis Earl Loomis family, isn't it [photograph #130 in The Homestead Photograph Archive]?"

LLR: "Yes."

SRP: "Will you identify everyone, starting from the left."

LLR: "On the left is Nettie, then my father, that's me sitting in his lap, then Flora, then Herbert, then my mother, that's Russell in her lap, then Floyd. Raymond and Nelson are not in the picture."

2. LLR: "Russell [Loomis] had most of our family pictures."

Note by SRP: Those pictures are probably currently owned, if they are still extant, by Russell Loomis' daughter, Joan, and her husband Robert Schenkle of Jermyn, Pa.

3. LLR: "I don't recognize anyone [in the group photograph of about twenty women in an interior, original photograph owned by Margaret Louise Winter]."

4. LLR: "[The house in which Mary Emma Squire was born is] the second house on the left on the road just beyond the Clinton Cemetery. The house sits back in a ways I think from the road...it's not quite close to the road..."

5. SRP: "This is Nathan Griswold [standing, hand on chair]."

LLR: "I remember Nathan Griswold because he died in our home...my father took care of him. Now, his home at one time, probably about that time [the time the picture of Nathan Griswold with his hand on a chair was taken], was a farm just above [North] our place. You go right by our home and then there is a house on the right over there quite by the road. That was originally his home at one time, and I think he lost the home somehow and then he had a different home there [in Clinton Twp.] but I imagine in that day [at the time of the picture in question] he probably lived in that house."

6. LLR: "The Grange Hall is the little building just above [North] our house on the left."